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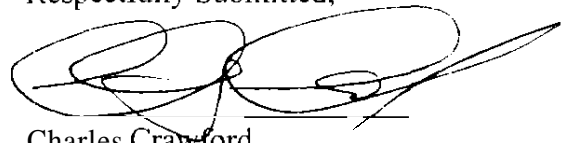
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Rc: Reply Comments
Vinton, Louisiana (MB Docket No. **02-212**)

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Enclosed is an original and four (4) copies of my Reply Comments for Vinton,
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Amendment of 73.202 (b))	MB Docket No. 02-212
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FM Broadcast Stations)	
(Vinton, LA))	

To: John Karousos, Assistant Chief
Audio Division of the
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REPLY COMMENTS OF CHARLES CRAWFORD

I, Charles Crawford, hereby respectfully submit this Reply to Comments and Counterproposal filed by Tichenor License Corporation ("TLC"), in the above captioned proceeding

DISCUSSION

I.

1 Petitioner respectfully submits that the public interest would be best served by allocating Channel 287A to Vinton, Louisiana, as that community's first local broadcast service. Vinton is an incorporated city with a 2002 population estimate in excess of 3,500 people, according to local officials. Vinton has its own mayor, school system, post office fire department, police department, city hall, chamber of commerce and a number of local churches. The proposed channel 287A will provide additional diversity and an outlet for local self-expression to Vinton residents and therefore is in the public interest.

2 On September 30, 2002, Tichenor License Corporation filed a

counterproposal in this proceeding proposing to change the city of license of KLAT-FM Channel 264C from Winnie, Texas to Lumberton, Texas and move KLTO-FM Channel 287A from Crystal Beach, Texas to Winnie, Texas as Channel 287C2.

3 The Tichenor Counterproposal is, for all practical purposes, **two** independent proposals. First of all, the Tichenor Counterproposal proposes to change the city of license of the Tichenor owned FM radio station KLAT Channel 264C from Winnie, Texas to Lumberton, Texas. The move of KLAT by Tichenor does not require a tower site change, nor does it change its Class C status. It does, however, provide for first service to Lumberton, Texas a community of over 8,700 people. According to Tichenor, this would provide a priority preference over Vinton, Louisiana, which has a 2000 Census population of 3,338 people.

4 Secondly, the Tichenor Counterproposal has KLAT vacating Winnie, **Texas**, temporarily leaving that community with no other radio service. The Tichenor Counterproposal seeks to remedy the situation by having another Tichenor property KLTO LE74 Crystal Beach serve as a replacement Channel for Winnie, Texas. This move is possible since Crystal Beach currently has one other FM C3 facility licensed to Crystal Beach

■ The KLTO Channel 2874 move to change its city of license to Winnie, Texas and to upgrade to a class C2 facility conflicts with the Vinton, Louisiana petition and therefore is being presented as a counterproposal to this proceeding.

5 However, upon analysis of the Tichenor Counterproposal, it is readily apparent that the initial change of KLAT Channel 264C from Winnie to Lumberton was crafted to provide the basis of the Tichenor Counterproposal. In and of itself, the KLAT

change has absolutely nothing to do with Vinton, Louisiana or the main part of the KLTO Tichenor Counterproposal. The Tichenor Counterproposal does not use **KLAT** to resolve problems of mutual exclusivity that causes adjustments to be made that are resolved by facility changes via a class upgrade, a class downgrade or a tower site relocation. Rather, it uses the enormous class C coverage area of **KLAT** to seek out a new community of license for **KLAT** so that **KLTO** can be used as a replacement for **KLAT**. This allows **KLTO** to upgrade from a station with over 50% of its coverage over the open waters of Galveston Bay and the Gulf of Mexico. The new **KLTO** would have no more than 30% of its coverage over any large masses of water. The end result is a signal that covers a definitely more urbanized area and a correspondingly more populated section of Texas with significantly more power and more coverage than does its current facility. These facts are supported within the Tichenor counterproposal. The Tichenor Counterproposal states that "*community population is the deciding factor*" and then goes on to state "*TLC's proposal will provide new 60 dBu service to 269,619 persons*". The 60 dBu service referenced by Tichenor includes greater than 80% of the Beaumont, Texas Urbanized Area and approximately 95% of Port Arthur, Texas Urbanized Area and serves as the basis of why the Tichenor Counterproposal should be favored over Vinton, Louisiana. The use of the 60 dBu service as justification to grant the Counterproposal should subject the Tichenor Counterproposal to being considered as a "move in" to the Beaumont and Port Arthur Texas Urbanized Areas. If so, the **KLTO** "move in" to the Beaumont and Port Arthur Texas Urbanized Areas should be denied.

Simply stated, the **KLAT** Channel 26.4C move from Winnie to Lumberton is an arbitrary and artificial device. The move of **KLAT** from Winnie to Lumberton is

not triggered by the Vinton, Louisiana petition but by the desire to manipulate the FCC procedures in order to achieve an upgrade for the Tichenor KLTO Crystal Beach station at the expense of first service to Vinton, Louisiana.

8 Further review indicates that Winnie, located in Chambers County, Texas, has a population of 2,914 persons and is officially designated as a census designated place in the 2000 US Census Bureau. Whereas Vinton, located in Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana, has a population of 3,338 persons and is designated as a town according to the 2000 US Census Bureau records published online at the WWW.CENSUS.GOV website.

9 Distilling the Tichenor Counterproposal to its bare essence, the KLAT re-licensing from Winnie to Lumberton is gratuitous to the Vinton, Louisiana proceeding. The only purpose for the KLAT re-licensing to Lumberton, **Texas** is to overcome the first service status that would be afforded to Vinton, Louisiana. The Commission should disregard any consideration given to a contrived void created to facilitate an upgrade of an existing station. It is entirely possible for the Commission to view the move of KLAT from Winnie to Lumberton on its own merits and not require the replacement of the existing Winnie allocation. If so, it is also entirely possible for the Commission to view the replacement of the Winnie allocation as it relates directly to Vinton without any consideration to Lumberton.

10 If the choice is simply to have KLAT relocate *to* Lumberton from Winnie then Lumberton is without question a more deserving community of license than Winnie. Lumberton, Texas wins by virtue of a population 8,731 persons and of its official designation as a city according to the 2000 US Census Bureau records published online at the WWW.CENSUS.GOV website. However, if the choice is to have KLTO relocate

from Crystal Beach and move to Winnie, then the Commission must choose to analyze the basis for the relocation and how it was accomplished. Absent of any new coverage area derived from the change of city of license of KLAT to Lumberton, it must be assumed that KLAT was moved for the sole purpose of enhancing the possibility of success for the relocation of KLTO. The KLAT change of city of license enhances the KLTO change of city of license by supposedly creating a "new" city of license while replacing an "old" city of license. The claim by the Tichenor Counterproposal that a "new" first service is created by the replacement of an existing first service is unreasonable. The KLAT move was done to gain the favor of the Commission under the guise of a "new" first service. The fact remains that no new frequency is even allocated under the Tichenor proposal, this clearly illustrates that the public interest is not being served the Tichenor counterproposal results in no new voice being heard. The only real consideration is, and should be, with regard to the mutual exclusivity that **exist** between the Vinton, Louisiana proposal and the KLTO proposed upgrade. For the reasons as previously stated, the Tichenor Counterproposal is vastly inferior to the original Vinton, Louisiana proposal which has already been vetted by the Commission, and has been deemed to be in the public interest.

11. Vinton surpasses by far any consideration that can be afforded to Winnie, this claim is substantiated by the following facts. The City of Vinton has its own website tit WWW.CITYOFVINTON.COM ., which is maintained by the City of Vinton Town Hall (See Attachment **A**) The Vinton City Government is composed of the Mayor, David Riggins, the Mayor Pro Tem, Kenneth Stinson, and four City Council members, Donald Dupre, Karen Douglas, William BB Loyd and Darrel Miller. The Chief of Police

of Vinton is Dwayne Dupree, the City Clerk is Mary O. Vice, the Director of Public Works is Terry J. Vice, the Fire Chief is Jerry Merchant, the City Attorney is Richard Harp and the City Magistrate is Alvin King. Vinton has its own Independent School District which includes the Vinton Elementary School, the Vinton Middle School and the Vinton High School. Vinton has its own Library, the Fontenot Memorial Public Library. Vinton has its own post office, fire department, police department, city hall, chamber of commerce and a number of local churches.

12. Conversely speaking, Winnie lacks most of what the Commission currently seeks out under the rules to determine if one community is more deserving than another, Winnie is a part of the Houston, **Texas** metropolitan area and not a truly independent community. This claim is supported by the following facts. Winnie has no city government. Winnie has no police department. Winnie shares the East Chambers School District with the city of Stowell, Texas. Winnie shares its volunteer fire department with Stowell, Texas. There are no city taxes in Winnie. There are no zoning regulations in Winnie. Winnie does not provide any garbage disposal services. Water and sanitation sewerage services are provided the Trinity Bay Conservation District, which also provides these services to a number of other cities and census designated places in the area, including: Stowell, Anahuac, Wallisville and Smith Point to name a few. The Commission has noted that community pride can clearly be illustrated by the town name prominently painted on a water tower. There is a water tower in Winnie but the community name of Winnie is not on it. Winnie does not have its own separate telephone directory, it is part of a general area telephone directory which covers the collective communities of Anahuac, Double Bayou, Hamshire, Hankamer, Smith Point,

Wallisville and Winnie. The *Hometown Press* is a regional weekly publication which covers the collective communities of: Anahuac, Hampshire, Fannett, High Island, Wallisville, Hankamer, Smith Point, Double Bayou and Winnie. More often than not, Winnie is referred to as the Winnie-Stowell area. (See Attachment B) Along with Stowell, Winnie is the site of the Texas Rice Festival, held annually at the Winnie-Stowell Park. Throughout the year, rodeos are held at the Winnie-Stowell Park Arena. The Chambers County-Winnie Stowell Airport serves Winnie, Stowell and Chambers County and is owned by Chambers County Commissioners.

13. Winnie does have a post office, zip code, Justice of the Peace, a library and a number of local churches in addition to various commercial/retail establishments. However, Winnie as compared to Vinton, lacks most of the governmental infrastructure and community assets that would clearly define it as an independent community deserving of superior consideration to that of Vinton.

14. Crystal Beach, Texas, located in Galveston County, has a population of 787 persons according to the 2002 edition of the Texas Almanac and has at least one US Post Office, although it has no official designation according to the 2000 US Census Bureau records published online at the WWW.CENSUS.GOV website. Crystal Beach is designated as a "Manmade Landmark" according to Delorme's Street Atlas USA and according to the FCC consolidated database, has at least one other FM service.

15. Denying the Ticlenor Counterproposal has no direct effect on either Winnie or Lambertton since they will both continue to receive the same city grade signals that they currently enjoy. The only material change is the city of license. Further, Crystal Beach will not be denied its second local service and the public interest is served.

10 Vinton, Louisiana meets the preferential arrangement of allotments standard required by Community of License. Vinton will gain its first local service. Winnie will not lose its first local service. Crystal Beach will not lose its second service and Lumberton will continue to enjoy the same city grade service that KLAT already provides to that community. The move of KLAT and KLTO creates no new useable coverage areas over land that are not currently covered by the current KLAT signal.

17 The Commission must question whether the claim by Tichenor of first service to Lumberton, Texas is a "logical outgrowth" of the Vinton, Louisiana proceeding. Weverhaeuser Company v. Costle, 590 F.2d 1011 (D.C.Cir. 1978); Owensboro on the Air v. United States, 262 F.2d 702 (D.C.Cir. 1958). There is no direct relationship between Vinton and Lumberton in the Tichenor Counterproposal, specifically the move of KLAT from one community to another was done to create a void to be filled by the proponent of the Counterproposal for the benefit of the Counterproposal itself and has no effect directly on Vinton, Louisiana. Tichenor could have moved KLTO out of Crystal Beach to practically any other community without having to move KLAT out of Winnie, Texas. In fact, immediately adjacent to Winnie is the town of Stowell, located in Chambers County, Texas. Stowell has a population of 1,572 persons and is officially designated as a census designated place according to the 2000 US Census Bureau records published online at the WWW.CENSUS.GOV website. Tichenor could have selected Stowell, Texas as the counterproposed city of license using the very same engineering. Further, Stowell, according to the FCC consolidate database, is a community that does not have any FM service and would qualify on its own as a first service. Tichenor actually proposed an instant upgrade to KLTO to Stowell in Docket

No. 01-223 that was withdrawn in late 2001.

13 The Commission should specifically exclude the comparison of first service Beaumont, Texas to first service Vinton, Louisiana since there is no mutual exclusivity that exist between the two cities. At the very extreme, the only reasonable comparison that can be made for comparative reasons should be between Winnie, Texas and Vinton, Louisiana.

19 The FM allotment priorities are: (1) First fulltime aural service; (2) Second fulltime aural service; (3) First local service; and (4) Other public interest matters [considerable weight is given to Priorities (2) and (3)]. KLTO as a replacement channel and also as a "move in" to both the Beaumont, Texas and Port Arthur, Texas Urbanized Areas into Winnie, Texas cannot be priority 1, 2 or 3. However, the Vinton, Louisiana petition easily meets priorities 3.¹

20. Given the reach of the 60 dBu signal, the KLTO "move in" to Winnie as a C2 must be considered as part of both the Beaumont, Texas and the Port Arthur, Texas Urbanized Areas. The Commission has historically considered 5 services to be "abundant service" for any individual market.² The addition of another station to these two already abundantly served markets at the expense of Vinton is not in the public interest. The 60 dBu signal of Vinton as a class A station reaches less than approximately 5% of the considerably smaller Lake Charles Urbanized Area. Again, the public interest is best served by the allocation of a new first service to Vinton, Louisiana.

¹ See Revision of FM Assignment Policies and Procedures, 90 FCC 2d 88 (1982) ("FM Priorities").

² The Commission considers five reception services to be "abundant" service. See LaGrange and Rollingwood, Texas, 10 FCC Rcd 3337 (1995); see also, Family Broadcasting Group, 53 RR 2d 662 (Rev. Cl. 1983).

21. The only question the Commission needs to answer is whether the KLTO upgrade from a class A station in Crystal Beach, Texas to a replacement station in Winnie, Texas as a class C2 is more in the public interest than a new class A first service in Vinton, Louisiana.

II.

22. Tichenor's "smoke and mirrors show" with regard to channel 264C is objectionable under Section 307(b) for other reasons as well. This is a powerhouse signal. It is a force in the Beaumont-Port Arthur radio market, the nation's 130th largest, with population of 1,587,000 in the Arbitron survey area. *Broadcasting & Cable Yearbook*, 2001, at D-719. It also is a force in the Houston-Galveston radio market, the nation's 10th largest with population of 4,655,000 in the Arbitron survey area. *Broadcasting & Cable Yearbook*, 2001, at D-721. The Tichenor station, call letters then KRTX-FM, is listed under the Houston-Galveston market rather than under the Beaumont-Port Arthur market in this reputable industry sourcebook. The Commission itself has recently recognized the presence of this station in the Houston metro market. Hilco Communications, Inc., Memorandum Opinion and Order released September 5, 2002 in MM Docket 02-236 at ¶21, fn. 46 ("...a Houston metro station in nearby Winnie, Texas, KRTX (FM) (now KLAT-FM) ..."). Also, Voice in the Wilderness Broadcasting, Inc., Memorandum Opinion and Order released September 5, 2002 in MM Docket 02-272 at ¶20 ("Houston home stations KQBU-FM and KRTX-FM (now KLAT-FM) ..." and at ¶21, fn. 44 ("... KRTX-FM (now KLAT-FM). Winnie, Texas ...").

23. So, what Tichenor is trying to sell the Commission is the notion that its powerhouse full Class C station having a presence and impact in two radio markets with

an aggregate of some five million people in the Arbitron survey areas is to be employed under Section 307(b) to award a decisionally dispositive preference as a local outlet for a tiny town of 8,000 people imbedded in a corner of one of those markets. Such a notion is to be accepted by the Commission even though the transmitting facilities of Tichenor's powerhouse station are not being modified in any way.

24. This notion – and the Tuck analysis of that tiny community imbedded in the corner of one of those markets offered at pages 4-9 of the Comments and counterproposal in support of the notion – utterly offend rational thought. Whatever value Tuck analyses may have in considering the prospective advent of a new frequency for a community in or adjacent to a metropolitan area, the process is wildly inappropriate when the licensee of a major market station decides to change its community of license from one small community imbedded in one corner of the market willy-nilly to another small community imbedded in another corner of the market. Tichenor can move its license from community to community in this fashion until the cows come home and it wouldn't make an iota of difference in the fair and equitable distribution of FM frequencies in the public interest under the statute.

25. This misapplication of Section 307(b) is even worse in the context here. Tichenor's target is to defeat an allotment to the community of Vinton. Vinton is located in another state – Louisiana. It is located outside the Houston-Galveston market. It is located outside the Beaumont-Port Arthur market. The closest radio market is the Lake Charles, Louisiana market, ranked 205th in the nation. *Broadcasting & Cable Yearbook*, 2001, at D-722. The allotment is a Class A frequency. While the Vinton station no doubt will be a part of the Lake Charles market, it will be on the fringe. Lake Charles is

approximately 25 miles to the east of Vinton. The Vinton station's signal will cover only approximately 5% of the Lake Charles Urbanized Area. The allotment will provide a local radio station to serve Vinton, nothing more and nothing less, and that station will be its first. This is a classic case where a relatively small community deserves to have its own local outlet for expression that is not contaminated by any potential use of the allotment as a stepping stone to serve other venues and interests.

26. For the foregoing reasons, I urge the Commission to allot Channel 287A to Vinton, Louisiana and deny the Tichenor License Corporation Counterproposal. Should this petition be granted, and Channel 287A be allotted to Vinton, Louisiana, Petitioner will apply for Channel 287A, and after it is authorized, will promptly construct the new facility.

The factual information provided in these Reply Comments is correct and true to the best of my knowledge.

Respectfully submitted.



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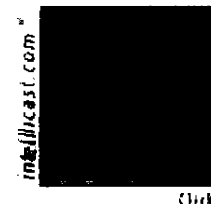
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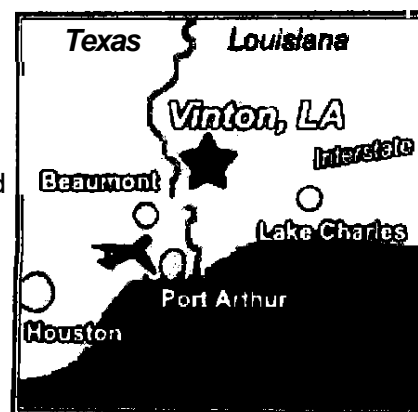
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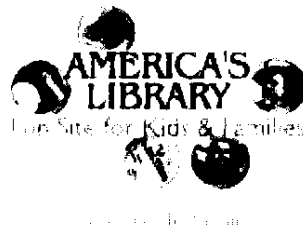
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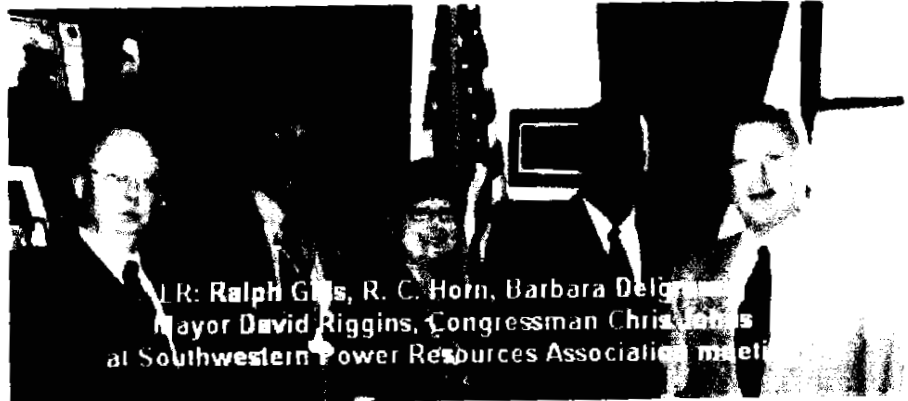
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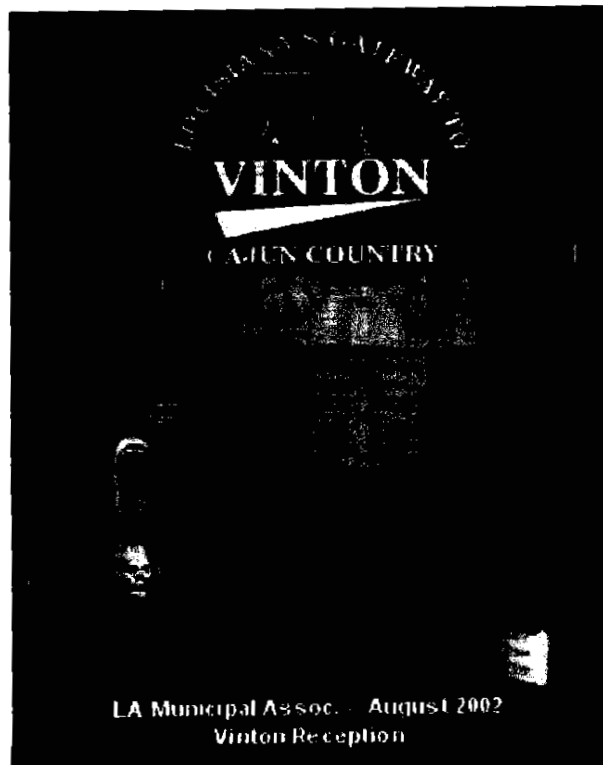
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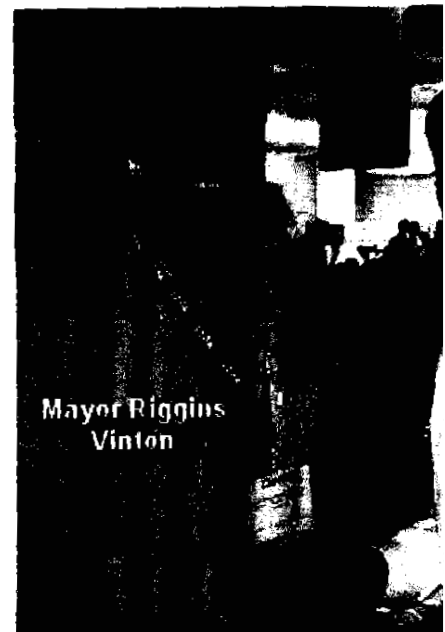
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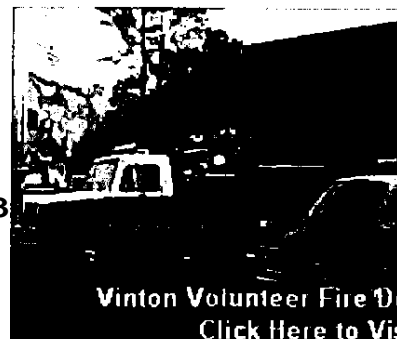
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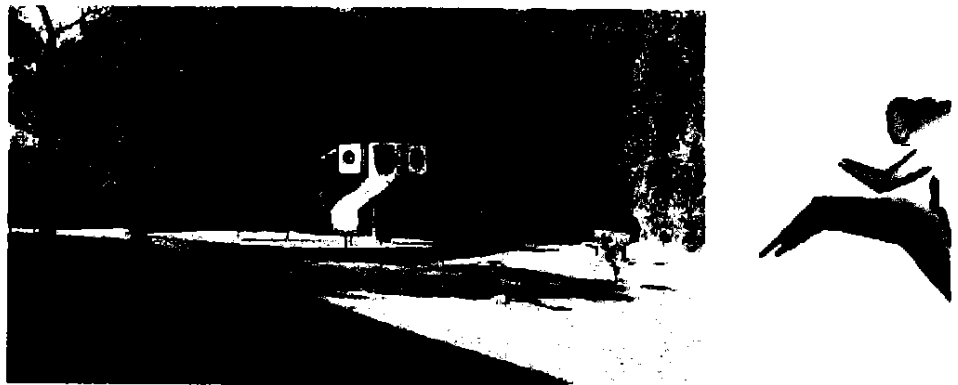
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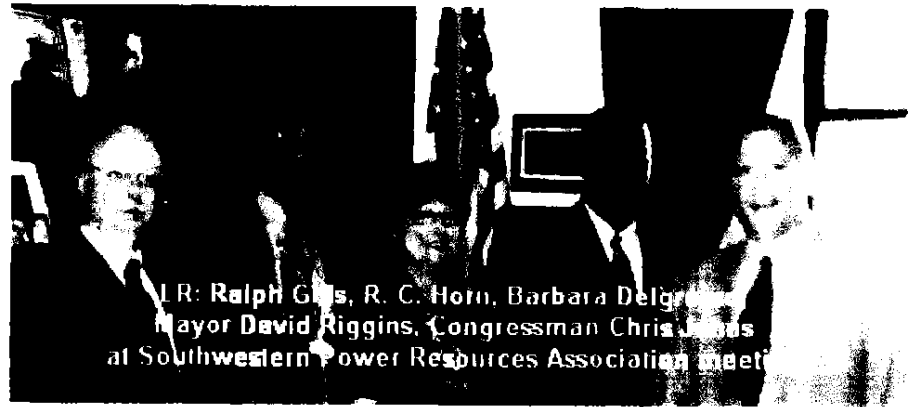
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Chambers County, Texas

Winnie-Stowell

Winnie and Stowell, Texas are two places where neighborly atmospheres prevail. As you drive beyond the towering skyline of Houston or the refinery specked horizons of the "Golden Triangle", Winnie rises like an oasis amidst the rice fields and abundant pasture land that make this area famous.

Because of its location, the Winnie-Stowell Area has justly earned its motto as the "Crossroad of Southeast Texas". These communities are linked to the more urban centers of Beaumont, Port Arthur, Galveston, and Houston by Interstate 10 and Highways 73 and 124, making the area an ideal location for development. In addition, Winnie is only 15 minutes from the coast, and is a perfect overnight retreat, with lodging and camping facilities available, and a variety of restaurants to choose from.

Winnie is located just off of Interstate 10, exit 829, between Houston and Beaumont

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TEXAS RICE FESTIVAL

The Texas Rice Festival celebrates everything to do with rice and good times! For over 25 years, people have gathered for this event by the thousands to celebrate the rice harvest. Agriculture is a major part of the economy, and rice farms are plentiful. As field after field of rice bows to the harvesting machines each fall, locals and tourists alike crowd the Winnie-Stowell Park to enjoy the celebration. The annual event is held the first weekend in October and features non-stop live entertainment, carnival, parades, livestock show, open horse show, BBQ cookoff, nightly street dances, antique car show, cooking contest, fiddling contest, rice threshing demonstration, pageants, karaoke, and of course, lots of great food! The Texas Rice Festival provides a country fair atmosphere with entertainment for all ages. <http://www.texasricefestival.org>



AGRICULTURAL HISTORICAL MUSEUM



For over 100 years, farmers and ranchers have been the backbone of this community. This museum, a tribute to that history, was recently inaugurated. Located behind the Texas Rice Festival/Chamber Of Commerce offices on LeBlanc Road, the museum uses authentic antique tractors, farming equipment, photos and the airplane that planted the first aerially-seeded rice crop in Texas. In addition, the Winnie Santa Fe Depot, which was established in 1905, has been relocated along side the Agricultural Historical Museum. The museum has been restored and now is the home of the Winnie Area Chamber of Commerce and houses many items relating to the overall history of the area. The Agricultural Historical Museum is open for tours by appointments - (409) 296-2231

RODEOS

Nothing says Southeast Texas quite like a rodeo. Throughout the year, many contests are held in the Winnie-Stowell Park Arena and at the privately owned arena located just two miles east of town.

For schedules of events contact the local 4-H or Chamber of Commerce.



HUNTING AND FISHING

For those whose taste runs to more natural diversions, the Winnie area offers excellent hunting and fishing opportunities. Guides are available for the enormous number of sportsmen who flock to the area each hunting season. The Gulf of Mexico is located only 18



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Houston, Texas

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Chambers County- Winnie

Stowell Airport

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